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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA: SIHANOUK IN ROMANIA UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

PRINCE SIHANOUK ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, ON AUGUST 20 FOR THE ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF ATTENDING ROMANIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM LON NOL'S GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CURRENTLY IN BUCHAREST ATTENDING THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE.

ONE OF PHNOM PENH'S DELEGATES IS FORMER PRIME MINSTER HANG TUN HAK, WHO IN THE PAST HAS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OPEN CHANNELS TO SIHANOUK. THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE THAT SIHANOUK PLANS ANY CONTACTS WITH PHNOM PENH'S OFFICIALS, BUT THE ROMANIANS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ACTING AS INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN THE TWO KHMER BELLIGERENTS AND MAY POSSIBLY TRY TO ARRANGE A MEETING.